

Stage Now Set for the Coming Spring Election

PROCLAMATION FOR ELECTION IS ISSUED BY MAYOR

Council Names Registration Boards and Fixes Places for Registering at Last Night's Meeting.

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With the election proclamation out and machinery provided for the voting, and with primary convention dates set by both Republicans and Democrats interest in probable nominees on the city tickets has finally awakened and there is lively speculation on both sides as to who will go on the tickets.

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NEXT MAYOR TO BE PAID \$100 A MONTH

Council Promptly Puts Through Ordinance Under Suspension of Rules Confirming Agreement of Several Days Ago.

OTHER SALARY BILLS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmen to Receive \$5 Per Every Meeting Which They Attend After April 15, 1914.

The next mayor of Albuquerque will receive a salary of \$100 a month. The city council at its session last night passed a \$100 mayoral salary ordinance by unanimous vote. What ever discussion the ordinance presented took place in secret. It is a passage was agreed upon in a star chamber session, from which the newspaper reporters were rigidly barred. Chief of Police McGuire remained on the inside, presumably to defend the door against any inquisitive ear.

When the councilmen came out of the secret session, after three-quarters of an hour, the way was smooth for the rapid passage of a string of ordinances affecting the general interests of the city.

The salary ordinance went through to final passage under a suspension of the rules. It was the same ordinance that the council voted down at a previous session, amended by the substitution of \$100 for \$200. It was on Councilman Thomas Isherwood's motion that the measure was amended to read \$100. Councilman G. H. Thomas accepted the motion and the salary provision went through in 10 minutes.

The council's action on the salary question was forecasted several days ago, when it was learned that the members had settled their difference of opinion regarding the size of the stipend.

A stack of other ordinances were voted on at last night's meeting. Among them were three fixing liquor licenses, which went through on second reading. The ordinances were as follows:

Ordinance No. 527—Giving councilmen \$5 for every meeting they attend. Passed.

Ordinance No. 528—Increasing the city engineer's salary to \$200 a month. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 529—Increasing the city clerk's salary to \$150 a month. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 530—Making whole-sale liquor licenses \$300. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 531—Making licenses for malt liquor dealers \$150 a year. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 532—Making the price of family liquor licenses \$300 a year. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 533—Regulating the sale of liquor in drug stores. Placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 534—Amending a prior ordinance and allowing plumbers' apprentices to work on jobs where master plumbers are employed. Passed.

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Insist That City Take Over Ornamental Lighting System on Central Avenue.

HAVE BORNE EXPENSE FOR TWO YEARS

Think It Is Up to City to Take on Load; New Contract Proposed Would Save Consumers Money.

Efforts are being made by Mayor Sellers to bring about speedy action by the council on the lighting question. He wants to see a new contract with the lighting company, under which the city will take over the ornamental lighting and secure the installation of new lights on ornamental posts on Central avenue and on parts of Central avenue and now supplied with ornamental lights.

The two-year contract under which the Central avenue merchants agreed to maintain the ornamental lights on that thoroughfare is about to expire, and the merchants insist that the city should take over the cost of keeping the lights going. They have refused to renew the contract.

It will cost the city \$1,200 approximately to maintain the Central avenue lights, but to offset that the lighting company, through A. F. Van Deine, the manager, has made a proposition to reduce the cost to the city by saving the public about \$4,500 on its business and residence lights.

In addition to providing lights of new design and ornamental posts, the company stands ready to reduce business and residence lighting rates in the city by providing lights of the Central avenue lights. The proposition, broadly speaking, is to save the citizens \$4,500 in one way to make up for an additional burden of \$1,200 incurred in another way.

The new lights provided for in the contract submitted are more economical than the present lamps, and will tend to keep the lighting bill down. The mayor favors the contract, with the additional provision that the company agree to change the lamps whenever a more economical type is evolved. The proposition is an even more economical one than the one at present in view is a possibility in the near future. The lighting company is willing to make that agreement.

Aside from the saving in light bills which the householders will secure under the proposed agreement, said Mayor Sellers today, "there is another strong argument in favor of the city taking over the Central avenue lights. The economic value of those lights is not confined to the merchants and the property holders on Central avenue alone. Property as far away as ten blocks from Central avenue has been enhanced in value by the lights. The general benefit accruing from such evidence of progressiveness and modernity in a city is secured by them. So that the maintenance of the lights on Central avenue should be regarded as of general interest and value, and not merely as a question concerning the merchants along the thoroughfare alone."

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